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Dear Sr. or Madam:

I am an electrical engineer and It is my opinion that in the US best interest Microsoft has to remaine strong and united but in the other hand I think the US Government has to regulate Microsoft activities because they really take advantage of there monopoly position and a good example is my last experience: I bought a new computer with Windows XP home edition and I connected it to my home LAN only to find out that this new version has no privacy, I can not put a password to any file, resource or carpet so I can not have my information available in any computer of my house and at the same time prevent my kids of seeing that information in other computer of the LAN.

In previews versions of Windows (95, 98 and Millenium) this was possible so Microsoft took out some functions and now if you want those functions you have to buy the XP professional version (at a higher price, of course). To make things worst, if you assume that the new home version will have at least all the functions that the last one had (a good assumption because this is the case with manufacturers in a normal market and not in a monopoly) and buy it there is no upgrade to the professional version paying only the difference so if I want my privacy in my LAN I need to buy a XP professional as if I did not have the XP home edition.

This is just one example of the kind of abuses that Microsoft Monopoly make and that is why I think that the US Government has to regulate Microsoft in a way that this kind of practices will be avoided.

Many thanks for your attention

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